May 26, 1881 – Oct 2, 1882

Geo. & Mary

winter at Marble Island

Aug 2 anchored off " ".

Aug. 26 off Cape Fetherton. 1st snow.

Sept. 2 Helped take provisions fr. Ellen Rodman

Sept. Marble Island. Housed deck.

Oct. 1 Men on bread + H_2O for stealing bacon

Oct. 4 " refused duty is nothing to eat.

" returned to " on Oct 8.

Nov. 19 Went sealing

Nov. 29 Football game. Calico Ball in evening

Dec. 17 100 natives around ship

Dec. 29 Played Base Ball (sic); football, sliding down hill. Dance in eve.

Mar. 5, 1882 4 natives had been poaching. Had killed one of their dogs & wrapped their feet in its skin.

Apr. 8 1st sign of spring

May 7 Went hunting – got snow blind.

June 16 Ship out of ice, left some men at Marble Island.

Aug. 18, 1882 Took on Capt. Gifford
Aug. 22 Ran north home.
Oct. 2 Took on as pilot at Cuttyhunk.
after several days' delay by the gale.

July 2, 1881 Twistle Savage Islands in sight
July 5 off Smith Bay
July 12 Went ducking - got 18.
Mansfield Islands in sight
July 13 Saw a Bowhead
Aug. 4 Natives came. Bought 3 muskox skins
& a lot of felt gear fr. natives.
Aug. 5 At Marble Island
Nate brought 8 muskox skins &
2 wolf-skins fr. mainland.
Aug. 6 Left Marble Island
Aug. 7 The Ellen Rodman ahead of G & Ms.
Aug. 9 Thro Whale Point, thence to Cape Hendel to
Pt. Harding to spend night. E.R. still in
sight.
Aug. 11 Deer-hunting on shore, Got 2.
Aug. 14 & 15 Off Cape Kendall
Aug 19-21 Heavy gale Ship of Manico (sp.?) P.T.
Aug. 23 Saw one whale - not enough wind to get
to him.
Aug 26 1st snow
Aug. 27 Off Cape Fullerton
Aug 29 Off Whale Point

Aug. 21st ?
The E.R. went ashore (?)
Sept. 2 Saw E.R. ashore + tried to help.
Crew of " " trying to get provisions
out.
Sept 3rd Got bread, meat, flour + Capt. Gifford
+ some crew fr. E.R.
Sept. 5 Off Marble Island. Weather thickens
Sept 11 Both anchors down. 40 fathoms of chain out.
Sept. 12 Moorings. Put ashore coal + empty casks.
At 4 P.M. got ship into inner harbor.
Anchored in 13 fathoms H_2O
Sept 20 + before: natives bring wolf skins.
Sept. 25 + 6 building house over the deck. Natives
bring deer meat.
Oct. 1st Mr. Clark + some crew return fr. mainland
w. 7 deer.
Oct 2 Men who ate meat are put on bread + H_2O
Oct 3 Finished building state rooms on deck.
Oct 12 Hunted partridge. got 7. Others men caught
trout + 2 foxes.
Oct. 17 Went hunting, killed a fox. Broke
through the ice going ashore " rather a cold

bath?

Oct 29th. Straightened the ship. Banked snow around her. Jim Hennessey killed a seal.

Nov. 3rd More hunting. Got seals

Nov. 14 "Kanapa Dave" froze his face.

Thurs 19th Sealing & built hut over sealing hole

Nov. 24 Social Dance in the Evening.

Nov. 25 A Crewman falls thru ice & freezes his hands.

Nov. 28 A.C. freezes own hand while sealing

Nov 29 Football Game. Calico Ball in eve. Ladies in "full dress"

Nov. 30 Sealing & Base Ball.

Dec. 1 Base Ball. Fancy Dress Ball in eve.

Dec. 3 Gave a Dance in eve.

Dec. 15 Went walrusing but no luck. Dance in eve.

Dec. 17 About 100 natives around ship. Bought 15 lbs. of walrus ivory.

Dec. 24 Xmas Ball in eve.

Dec. 26 ff. Getting Walrus for natives. (2 of whom had been out on ice 2 days)

Dec 31 New Yr. Dance.

Jan. 8 Somebody caught a fox

Jan. 17 Dance in eve.

Jan. 23 + 24 Some natives had been on the ice for 4 + some for 8 days

Jan. 31 Dance in eve, also musk ox skin

Feb. 3. Natives bring in a big Doggoodge

Feb. 4 Dance in eve, Natives bring walrus

Feb. 5 Natives build new igloos around ship.

Feb. 7 Sledge from mainland brought musk ox skins

Feb. 10 Saw bear tracks but no bear (when cruising around the island)

Feb. 13 Natives from mainland via sledge bring salmon.

Feb. 14 Another Dance in eve.

Feb. 15 Heavy gale. No Natives

Feb. 16 Broke out a cask of bread

Feb. 17-20 Lots of walrusing (natives + crew)

Feb. 25 " One of the Natives came in with an Doggodge

Mar 2 Mr ~~3~~ gave " molasses for coffee

Mar. 4 4 Natives adrift on pack ice.

Mar. 5 " returns having killed 1 of their dogs to cure his skin to wrap their feet, + they ate his flesh.

Mar 7 Natives bring another doggoodge

Mar. 11 One case of scurvy.

Mar. 12 A native woman dies + is buried.

THE WILLIAM LEWIS CREW.—Ten more of the crew of wrecked whaler William Lewis arrived on the different vessels at San Francisco 7th inst. They all give Fox island as the last point touched at. Most of the whalers have had but poor success this season trading with the natives, and bring back a greater part of their tobacco and other articles of trade. The whaling catch this year has been quite profitable for some of the fleet, but the majority of the vessels will hardly pay expenses, while six or seven have not a single whale. The total number of whales caught is 189, with 46 vessels out. The high price of bone, $6 to $8 a pound, makes bowhead whales more valuable than in previous years.

SALVAGE ON THE WILLIAM LEWIS'S BONE. J. N. Knowles of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, acting for Capt. William Lewis, has entered suit in the United States District Court in San Francisco to recover salvage on the whalebone saved by the steam whaler Belvedere from the whaler William Lewis, when the latter was wrecked near Point Barrow. Joseph Whiteside, master of the Belvedere, is also a party to the libel. The bone saved from the Lewis is valued at $30,000. When the Lewis was wrecked she had on board 6000 pounds of bone. The crew of the Belvedere set to work under the greatest hardships and saved it. They have demanded salvage, and the libel entered against the value of the bone is looked upon as a move on the part of the interested owners to head off any chances of the crew recovering salvage. The value of the lost vessel and her cargo is set at $75,000. Capt. A. C. Sherman of the wrecked whaler refuses to make public the cause of the wreck. The inspectors of hulls and boilers in San Francisco have ordered an investigation of the matter, and the captain will be forced to tell his story to them. The sailors of the Lewis say that the wreck was caused by neglect in not taking soundings.

Mar. 15 2 cases of scurvy

Mar. 16 Have musk ox & 2 wolf skins. A.C. bought them.

Mar. 18 Got a load of ice & a load of firewood
Dance in the evening.

Mar 25 A.C. got 4 Ducks, Natives got 2 walrus & one Doggedge.
Dance in eve.

Mar 31 Natives bring in one Doggedge.

Apr. 1 " " another "

Apr. 2 " report no deer this winter & that many natives starved to death.

Apr. 6 Mrs. Smalley & A.C. go to mainland with a dog team.

Apr. 8 1st sign of spring

Apr. 12 A.C. has a cold. Took a whiskey.

Apr. 13 Others (incl. natives) complain of colds.
A.C. feels better.

Apr. 15 Crew Tranching & coopering.

Apr. 17 Capt. Gifford & A.C. camp out on Rabbit Island

Apr. 19 Moved Castle back to its old place.

Apr. 21st Back from Rabbit Island. Disagreeable weather.

A native named Blackhead killed 2 Deer & then broke his gun.

May 1 Natives bring 25 Deer! A.C. bought 16 saddles

May 7 Walker returns fr. Deer-hunt on mainland Saw 14 deer - killed - none - got snow-blind.

May 15 All but 2 natives leave the ship Weather not encouraging for an early start on whaling

May 20 2 men fell off ice floe & were rescued via boat hook - unhurt but scared.

June 7 Works w/ carpenter to take state rooms out of the house.

June 16 Left Marble Island.

June 18 Off Depot Island.
"?" came aboard to report no whales seen this season.

June 24 Ship off Baker Foreland

June 26 Ship in ice betw. Marble Island & the mainland.

June 30 Ship in ice betw. Marble Island & Cape Fullerton "?" shot an ~~dogfish~~ dogfish, cleaned rifles.

July 2 Saw a Bowhead, Killed a Bear.
July 3 Chased a whale + missed it.
July 4 Steered to Cape Fullerton
July 10 Ice opened.
July 12 Got a whale
July 13 Cutting in ".
July 15 Finished boiling, Stowed 1920 gals oil.
July 16 Ice very thick - saw a whale but couldn't get them w. 2 boats
July 18 Saw 3 whales, lowered 3 boats. Whale gone.
July 19 Got a whale.
July 20 Saw whale, sent 2 boats. Lost him.
July 21 Got 2 whales!
July 23 Boiling. Off Manico (sp.?) Island
July 27 Saw a whale
July 30 "others ships "Abby Bradford", got letters & home. gammed.
July 31 Saw + lost a whale, Capt. Dyer of Abbie came aboard + spent night.
Aug. 5 Scraping bone. Gammed w/ "Abbie"
Aug. 10 At Marble Island.
Aug. 11 Took bone ashore to wash.
Aug. 17 Off Dead Man's Island waiting for breeze

Aug. 21 Took in the cutting stage & stowed it away.
Aug. 22 Getting ready for home.
Sept. Mentions of passing steamers.
Sept. 28 Saw Gaughendy Block Island
Oct. 2 Cattyhunk.

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Meat Brought by Natives

Partridges
Seal
Ducks
Rabbits
Wild Geese

Deer Meat
Salmon
Walrus
Duck

Trade w. Natives

Musk Ox Skins
Wolf "
2 Bears "
Fox

Edwin F. Clark's "Remarks" on 1881 voyage

Fri. Sept. 16, 1881 Put some boats ashore.
17 Pleasant weather [Jos & Change-ed.]
Cut sods.
18
19 Coal in casks. "the Showners meat".
20–22 snow, freezing everything.
23 Pumped H_2O (salt & fresh). Boat returns fr. mainland w/ "7 & 40 salmon??"
24 Mr. (sic) Clark & Mr. Ross & one boats crew go to Deers Land. Capt. building house over the 24 deck.
25 Natives bring 2 Saddles of Deer to trade.
26 Fresh H_2O ponds frozen
26 Cut sods to cover house. Natives leave.
27 Gales above.
28 " " w/ 3 boat loads of sod.
30 Still building house, Capt. Gifford helps.
14° above. Cold & snow
Oct. 1 Mr. Clark & Crew back fr. Deers Land w/ 7 reindeer.
2 Gales.

Oct. 3 All men (who stole hams?) get only bread & H_2O until they confess who the thieves were!

4 Mens refuse to work sans food.

" The Schooner men also refused the same as our men."

5, 6, 7 men still off duty.

Oct 8 A.L.S. says he knows who stole & will punish them later.

9 Snow

Oct. 10 a man named Powers is in irons for stealing ham. Snow

11 Ice 8" thick. Powers still in irons.

12 Fishing. 26 salmon trout

26 ptarmigan + 4 ducks.

13 More fishing.

17th Powers still in irons. Confesses.

18 Caught at seal.

20 Caught trout. (10?)

Gulls. Then pleasant

23 Built a porch on the house

26 More fishing. more ptarmigans

Oct. 30 caught a fox
31 11 ptarmigans, 2 foxes.
Nov. 5 Ham Coates returns to duty.
" then 18 hunting, cold winds,
17 Pleasant, Bankering bellwaks. Hunters get 6 seal. Men start for mainland but return because ice is too thin.
21 opened the slop chest. Get some of the Schooners f. the Island (?)
Nov. 24 Big Dinner Dance. Got out molasses
25 Men break thru ice when going ashore. Gilhooley was somewhat frozen.
27 " is better.
28 Got a seal. Its flesh was bad because of the weather.
29 Played " Base and foot Ball.
Calico Ball in evening ladies in full dress
Dec. 1 " " (of again?)
14. football, baseball, goes hunting. Natives get walrus.
Dec. 14 Grand Dance
15 Got load of pork f. Dead Man's Island,

Got out coffee & sugars
Dec. 16 Natives very hard up for food
17 Grand Dance
20 A Dance
22 Pumped the vessel for the 1st time in 3 months.
24 14° below! Got load of ice & wood for the Osa Taft.
27 Had a dance ~~last~~ night!
31 Dance until the New Yr. came in!

Jan 1, 1882
" 5 Caught a native stealing pork. He & his ~~family~~ leave the island.
7 Had a dance, singing, Variety performance something after the style of "Fir Season" ??
18 Got a load of walrus meat for Natives
22 Natives getting fat & saucy!
25 The cook on the sick list again.
28 Natives coming for Reindeer Land split into waists & freeze their feet.
Dance in evenings

Feb. Hunting (very little luck); cleaning ship.

March 1 ff. as above

Mar. 8, 1882 Walker goes to the Main Land to trade.
9 Got load of wood for the Oca T. & T.
10 "One man has a slight attack of scurvy"
11 Natives caught a walrus.
12 A native woman dies.
16 Walker returns 2 musk ox, W. says no deer have been seen.
18 More wood for O.T. Scurvy gets better
26 Scurvy victims getting better fast.
One man has a swelling on his neck — had it when they started, but it's growing.
29 Natives leave for Main Land. Walker goes to Rabbit Island.
Apr 2 Walker returns. Reports no deer
4 Dance at night
6 A.C.S. & Mrs Smalley to Rabbit Island.
7 " " " " return
8 Tore down banking around ship
10 The coopers clean casks.
11 Got out 2 boats for storage.
12 3 men on sick list. Stevens Flynn getting

better. Grace swelling no better.
12 ff. Trenching & Coopering.
17 A.C.S. & Capt. G. to main land - deer - hunting.
21 " " " return w. 2 rabbits.
ff 26 Trenching & readying boats
May 3 The Cannapatner (sp.?) left today.
5 take sods off house.
6 Grand Dance
13 Took skins ashore & stretched them to dry.
A load of deer came in.
May 21 Trying to clear ice fr. harbor; not good. Decide to send boats to N.E. end of Island in search of whales.
June 6 4 men on sick list

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June 7 6 men on sick list) Sawing thru ice to
8 Gale & Heavy snow. Clear out the harbor
9 Saw the ice into small pieces, 5 men sick
10 Natives come fr. main land. 6 men sick
11 Fog. Some ice breaks off.
15 All ready to leave harbor when more ice breaks off and blocks the way. Wait for

June 15, 1882 (cont.) anchored this tide.

16 Got ship into outer Harbor. Passed 2 boats (one Capt. Gifford?), the others to natives. E.R.'s crew have been on G. + Dr. since Sept. 2, 1881 until today.

17 Off Chesterfield Inlet. Ready to whale. Natives say pack ice left the day before yesterday. No whales seen. Capt. Gifford ~~18~~ 18 comes alongside. Has been as close to Whale Pt. as he could get thru ice.

19 Good weather. Lots of seal + walrus. The natives caught some.

20 between Chesterfield + Depot Island. Ice opens to northeast

22 Off Depot Island. Ice heavy between here + Fullerton.

July 1 Shot a white bear.

2 Lowered for a bowhead but he escaped thru the ice.

3 Saw hull of E.R. + her main mast.

4 Below Whale Pt. + Fullerton

6 Natives says ice is heavier than it

July 6, 1882
has been for years.
10 going to Cape Kendall. Off Cape Kendall
12 " Lowered at 3 P.M. & got 1. Eng cutting.
Heavy ice bothered us very much.
13 Eng cutting up blubber + storing some.
14 " boiling.
15 Finished boiling.
16 Heavy ice. Saw a whale.
17 Saw 5 whales, got none.
19 " 1 whale, lowered but didn't get it.
22 Got 2 whales.
23 Cutting finished. Started boiling.
26 Boiling + stowing oil.
27 One man has scurvy.
28 Saw whale, had enough ~~men~~ wind to work the boats (A) so didn't get him
29 Chased a whale all day. W. 3 boats
30 Saw the Isabella coming in. Dr C. S. went aboard Isabella got a whale.
31 Spoke to Abby Bradford. Cook off duty, he's been having fits all day! nearly (every few days)

Aug 1, 1882 Spoke A.B. Got "our oil" off the Isabella.

2 W. " + A.B. scraping bone.

4 A.C.S. goes ashore at Whale Pt. Cook is sick. Got musk ox. Capt. Gifford sent off some deer meat.

5 Spoke the A.B. twice. Boats bring skins + deer meat.

6 Rain.

7 Saw deer on the beach. A.B. in sight.

8 Off Pt. Harding. A.B. leaking

10 Cook no better. A.B. comes to an anchor.

11 Washing bone on shores on North Island.

13 Cooggering.

14 Getting H_2O and bundling bone.

16 Chas. Walker leaves to join A.B. "by mutual consent."

17 Washing ship. Off Whale Pt. E.R. crew came onboard to go to ___ land with us.

18 Picked up E.R. crew to start home.

20 Cook still sick.

Aug. 24, 1882 Eng making cover for tryworks.
25 Saw a number of icebergs
Fri Sept. 1 Saw Buttons Island
2 Cook off duty. Harry Jones on sick list,
6 " " " " " " "
& Jim Hennessey sick.
7 Mess "complain" of being a little better.
8 Cook Hennessey, Jones all still sick.
Sept 14-18 on yellow sheet
" 21 Cook had a fit.
25 " sick. So are Jones, Hennessey,
2 Thompson
26 Saw Block Island lights
27 " Montauk Lights
28 Gale.
29 ".
30 ". steward on sick list
Oct. 1 Caught a porpoise
2 Took on a pilot
3 2 A.M. anchored off — Hell
5 A.M. comes to the wharf